

# KAREN A. TOMPKINS

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## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Understanding the Brain (2019)	University of Chicago: Coursera
Indigenous Canada (2019)	University of Alberta: Coursera
Teacher Library Part 2 (2011)	Queens University
Principal Qualification Program (2006)	University of Windsor
Special Education: Specialist (2005)	Queens University
Primary Additional Basic Qualifications (2002)	Queens University
Special Education: Physical Exceptionalities (AQ) (1999)	Brock University
Evaluation and Treatment of Sensory Disorders (1998)	Developmental Concepts, Arizona
Autism & ADD/ADHD: A Sensory Perspective (1998)	Developmental Concepts, Arizona
Special Education: Core One (A.Q.) (1998)	University of Windsor
Drama: Honours Specialist (A.Q.) (1992)	University of Toronto
B. Ed. ISS (Drama/S:CC) (1990)	University of Western Ontario
B.A. Honours, Drama in Education (1989)	University of Windsor
Education Through Music (1987)	University of Windsor

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Department Head: MAPS --Special Education (2015-2021) Greater Essex County DSB	- instrumental in developing program pathways; matrix of student IEP accommodations organized by course code; member of the Student Success Team and OSSLT Steering Committee;
Teacher Librarian: Westview FA and Century SS (2011-2021) Greater Essex County DSB	-increased student use of library commons and collaborative inquiries
Special Education Teacher (2009-present) Greater Essex County DSB	-participated in a variety of PLC studies; interim English/Social Sciences Minor Head;
Curriculum Writer: TeachAble Project (2011-2012) Ontario Education Services Corporation	-worked as part of a team developing resources for accessibility awareness across Ontario -responsible for creating workshop activities in order for educators to be prepared to meet the legislation outlining accessibility in the schools.
Community Living Teacher: Walkerville C.I. (2006-2009) Greater Essex County DSB	-directed and produced student-written play for school community; MarkBook trainer
Student Success Teacher: Essex D.H.S. (2005-2006) Greater Essex County DSB	-inaugural year of program: assisted in piloting the Credit Rescue program
Department Head: Arts and Language (1999-2006) Essex D.H.S. Greater Essex County DSB	-led department and Board's drama teachers in curriculum changes and A&E initiatives; -

- instrumental in coordinating and producing annual “Arts Alive” community event
- member of many workgroups and committees

Drama teacher (1990-2006) Essex D.H.S. Greater Essex County DSB  
 -directed and produced 30+ productions, including several award winning student productions at Ontario Festival of Theatre sponsored by Sears Canada.

## PERSONAL PUBLICATIONS

Patient Reported Outcomes for Joubert Syndrome	Scientific poster	presented April, 2015
Purple Stew: A Journey to Joubert Syndrome	eBook	<a href="http://www.lulu.com">www.lulu.com</a> ; February, 2015
Different is Just Different	children's book	Walkerville Press; August 2009
<a href="http://www.ktompkins.com">www.ktompkins.com</a>	website	2009-present (updated 2019)
<a href="http://www.brainjuice.ca">www.brainjuice.ca</a>	website	1998-2002
Purple Stew or My Kid’s Got What?!	novel	Cranberry Tree Press; February 2001

## WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Move On! Why we feel Anxious and Angry and what to do about it.

- OSSTF District 5A. Dryden, ON (online June 11, 2021)
- OSSTF District 25 Ottawa, ON (online April 23, 2021)
- OSSTF District 5A Dryden, ON (June 14, 2019)
- Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders International Conference (May, 2019)
- OSSTF District 7 Owen Sound, ON (April 12, 2019)
- OSSTF District 18 Elora, ON (April 5 , 2019)
- OSSTF District 18 Alliston, ON (October 19, 2018)
- OSSTF District 25 Ottawa, ON (April 27, 2018)
- University of Windsor, Faculty of Education Windsor, ON (March 2, 2018)
- Robarts School for the Deaf London, ON (February 3, 2017)
- OSSTF District 25 Ottawa, ON (November 29, 2016)
- OSSTF District 24 Waterloo, ON (April 22, 2016)
- OSSTF District 11 London, ON (April 28, 2016)
- OSSTF District 25 Kemptville, ON (November 28, 2016)
- OSSTF District 25 Nepean, ON (February 18, 2017)

TeamKIDS : A comprehensive approach to creating effective educational teams

- Accessibility Awareness Day: University of Windsor (March 2016)
- Council of Exceptional Children State Conference: Pinehurst, North Carolina (Jan 2016)
- OSSTF District 9 Windsor, ON (March, 2015)

### Different is Just Different: Creating an Atmosphere of Inclusion

- OSSTF: Fueling the Fire Conference Toronto ON (November, 2014)
- Communities Collaborative: White Earth, MN (August, 2013)
- University of Windsor: Drama in Education Departments (March, 2012)
- Redeemer University: ASD Conference (April, 2010 and 2011)

### Working with the Medical System

- Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders Ottawa, ON (October, 2010)

### Label of Care: A Discussion of Rare Disorders and the Medical Community

- Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders Ottawa, ON (May, 2009)

### Move On! Drama Games for a Sensory Rich Environment

- University of Windsor: Faculty of Education (March, 2008)
- Eastern Michigan University (October, 2004)
- International Drama Educators Association (IDEA) Ottawa, ON (July, 2004)
- Arts on EDGE (CODE/OSEA) 2005
- Joubert Syndrome Foundation Conference (New Orleans)--June, 2002
- Arts 2000 Conference (Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Dance Educators of Ontario)

### WORMS Aren't Just in Books: A Literacy Across the Curriculum Event

- Supports For Successful (Effective) Practice: Ministry of Education 2003
- Greater Essex County District School Board 2002

### **ASSOCIATE TEACHER**

2001-2009 Mentor for Reflective Practice Project, University of Western Ontario

1997-2006 School of Dramatic Arts, University of Windsor

1995-2019 Faculty of Education, University of Windsor

### **RECENT PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Board Member (2020-present)	Murchadha House (non-profit)
Treasurer (2018-2020)	JSRD Canadian Group (non-profit)
Founder/President (2011-2018)	JSRD Canadian Group (non-profit)
Co-PI; Committee Chair (2014-2015)	JS-LIFE: CENA Project (part of PCORnet; USA)
President/ Secretary (1998-2015)	Joubert Syndrome & Related Disorders Foundation
Actor/Director (1998-present)	KORDA Productions and Migration Hall Players